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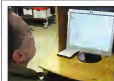
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McGregor siblings Hannah, Noah and Ellie are just a few local young people who are getting ready for the Family Literacy Event, which runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 4 at the Leisureplex, Town Hall and YMCA complex. Organizers have chosen the literary works of author Phoebe Gillman as this year's theme. The event is free and is geared toward families with one or more children in Grade 3 or younger. There will be several activities for everyone to enjoy.

Third phase on hold

Revision to plan
of subdivision
turned down by
council

Kris Dubé
Editor

The third phase of the Ridgeway-by-the-Lake development has been put on hold, after a decision made by council last Tuesday.

A staff report was brought forward for council to consider a redline revision, to modify two existing private open space blocks by merging them with adjacent lots.

The lands are located on the south side of Thunder Bay Rd., the north side of North Shore Dr. and West of Maple Leaf Ave. South.

The crux of the proposed change to the plan of subdivision brought to council last Tuesday, can be narrowed down to about 20 property owners being responsible for care of the forested area.

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Association doesn't want ownership of forest area

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They would also claim ownership of the portion

of land, which developer Robert Mills described as a buffer zone between phases. Prior to the staff report

being brought to council on Tuesday of last week, the plan was that the development's community association would take



There's no comprehensible reason to turn it down, especially as all immediate neighbours are in favour."

— Developer Robert Mills

properties in phase three.

This leaves another block of open space that abuts the rear of residential lots on Maple Leaf Avenue. These owners did not want to acquire a block and agreed that the open space could be added to the rear of the new lots to be created in the third phase of development. While this open space will be privately owned, the buffer would be maintained by restrictive covenants prohibiting removal of trees.

Ward 5 Coun. Don Lubberts raised questions about the newly formed Driftwood Corporation that is proposed by the developer, concerned about why this group's formation was not mentioned in the plan when the development was brought to council last year.

"He wants to make different arrangements on phase three than what we agreed to," said Lubberts during Tuesday's meeting.

He also asked why the Town of Fort Erie is involved in the discussion, a matter that should be addressed between residents and the developer.

According to director of community planning and development Rick Brady, the Town would step in if there are any violations of the land being designated open space. Brady used a resident building a pool on these lands as an example of when the municipality would have to step in.

He then said the Town of Fort Erie would not play any role in policing or enforcing the private agreement and restrictive covenants.

"What we're trying to do is facilitate a decision that meets both Mr. Mills' and the homeowners' needs," said Brady.

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Party at Bay Beach washed out by council

Kris Dubé
Editor

A party on the sands of Crystal Beach has been washed out by council, after a decision made last Tuesday night.

Town staff had been approached by a company based out of Niagara Falls, that was interested in holding an event on July 20 that would require the beach to be closed to the public, unless visitors paid a \$25 cover charge.

Although a tabling motion was brought forward by Ward 5 Coun. Don Lubberts after the merits of the event were debated at length by councillors, the end result was the event not being endorsed by local politicians.

There were many concerns raised and Ward 2 Coun. Rick Shular was the first to speak about this.

The suggestion that the public beach should be closed on the day of the event for paying customers only, immediately had Shular expressing his non-support of the report before council.

He said that action may add fuel to the fire when it comes to people making accusations that beach access will become more limited in the coming years as the Crystal Beach Gateway project begins development.

"I cannot support this based on that premise," said Shular.

He also said he may be more open to the idea of holding the beach party if there was some kind of local agency or non-profit organization receiving a benefit.

"It has merit if there is a charity that would receive some dollars as a result of this going on," said Shular.

He also scoffed at the notion that \$650 would be set aside for security costs.

"To me, that's a joke," he said.

He also said that nearby seasonal residents should have been consulted about the day-long entertainment event.

Coun. Don Lubberts, who is the local representative for the Crystal Beach area, also had several concerns about the event and the process leading up to the report being brought to council on Tuesday night.

There are many unanswered questions he feels should have been addressed.

"I have a whole lot of concerns," said Lubberts.

He feels there needs to be more clarity on what procedures would be put in place for insurance and security and also police presence.

"We need a contract in place so we know who is liable," said Lubberts.

"What happens if something goes awry?"

Ward 4 Coun. John Hill said the company proposing the event should not be criticized, because they are hoping to bring a positive function that could draw large numbers to the area.

"This is a valid attempt to bring a promotional activity to the beach," he said.

However, his concerns about the financial responsibility of the Town of Fort Erie before, during and after the event prevailed and he voted

“All of the concerns expressed by our councillors would be taken care of by my office.”

— Russ Wilson

against it.

He was also hesitant to support it because he had never heard of the company, the World Is Yours Entertainment Inc., who wanted to host the beach party.

Russ Wilson, manager of the Town's community and gaming department, said shutting down the proposed event because of concerns over insurance and security measures at this point, is not the proper direction to be taking.

"All of the concerns expressed by our councillors would be taken care of by my office," said Wilson at the meeting.

He said the event's organizers simply need to know if they have the venue booked before addressing these other

matters.

"Affected agencies would be consulted and complied with before we even allow the event to go forward," said Wilson.

Speaking directly to Coun. Shular's displeasure about any sort of charity contributions being non-existent, Wilson said that is something that could be easily addressed.

"I'm sure we could sit down with the company and give them an opportunity to satisfy that concern," said Wilson.

Ward 1 Coun. Stephen Passero said it isn't council's responsibility to "micro-manage" the proposed event but closing the beach for a full day, during peak season, is something he doesn't consider to be the right thing to

do.

"I think the beach should always be public," said Passero.

My concern is that we would be taking a public asset and closing it," he added.

In the staff report brought to council, it is stated that a date for the event would be scheduled for exactly a week later.

This bothers him because he feels most businesses in the area would prepare for one date, expecting an influx of patrons and customers when a large scale event like the one being proposed is scheduled.

If the function was to be cancelled due to weather with short notice and re-scheduled for a week later, it could cause problems for local entrepreneurs, he feels.

"To me, that takes a lot of positive economic spin out of the hands of local businesses," said Passero.

"I think it's a great event, I just don't support Bay Beach being the venue."

Goran Malkjovic and one other member of the Crystal Beach Business Improvement Association (BIA) are in

charge of promoting community events in the area.

He says the BIA was consulted and a meeting was held between himself and the proponents of the event.

The sit-down was only a preliminary conversation, to break the ice and get the conversation started about the beach party.

"In principle, I did not think it was a bad event," said Malkjovic.

Once the meeting was held, he said the BIA didn't endorse or oppose the event.

He feels the party could have potentially been a positive for the beach area in the summer and is disappointed the matter wasn't tabled until more information could be gathered before making a final decision.

Malkjovic also learned that the organizers of the suggested event were in the audience at Tuesday's council-in-committee meeting.

"The unfortunate part is that they weren't given the chance to answer any questions," said Malkjovic.

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Student selected to be a page

Melissa Mangelsen
Fort Erie Times

St. Philomena Catholic Elementary School in Fort Erie beamed with pride after finding out that grade seven student Gabriel Demizio was selected to serve as a legislative page at Queen's Park in Toronto. Though politics may seem dull to many 12 year olds, Demizio is an exception.

"I'm really interested in the legislative process. It's exciting to see them in action and learn how bills are passed," said Demizio, who is the president of the Greater Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce.

Legislative pages play an important role at Queen's Park, they work in the legislative chamber as messengers, performing many helpful duties for the Members

of provincial parliament and the officers of the house.

"I'll be sitting in the chamber all day, delivering notes to MPs as well as water. I'll also be using tunnels from building to buildings delivering messages as well," said Demizio.

He will also have the opportunity to meet with politicians and key parliamentary figures, learn how laws are made and how the province of Ontario is governed.

Because Demizio is hoping to meet Canada's first female Premier Kathleen Wynne, He admits he's a fan of hers and supports her as premier of Ontario. He'd also like the opportunity to meet with the speaker of the house.

The idea to apply for this role came from an opportunity he had to go to Queen's Park last June.

"I saw the application there and knew it was some-

thing that I wanted to do," he said. He was also encouraged by MPP Kim Craitor to move forward with his application.

The program is open to students in grade seven and eight, who have an interest in current events, have an academic average of 80 per cent or higher and get along well with their peers and adults. He had to submit a 750-word essay explaining his achievements, extra-curricular activities and why he should be chosen for the program.

Demizio, who grew up in Fort Erie, has been seen helping around the community with the War of 1812 grande parade as well as various soccer tournaments. This was his first time applying for the program, which accepted 140 students from across Ontario.

"I found out I had been accepted around March 10, just before March Break. I was really surprised and excited. It's a very competitive program and it's an honour to be chosen," he said.

He is the student from St. Philomena School to be accepted.

"Everyone has been happy and excited for me, my family is really happy and will be coming the first day to watch," he said.

During the interview Robert Grand, principal, walked in and told him of a new program, which the Niagara Catholic District School Board will be starting in 2013-14.

The school board will have two representatives from each elementary school to give input on education from the students' perspective and Demizio will be one of those students.

He will have a three week leave from classes from April 29 to May 15, while he stays in Toronto with a billet. While at Queen's Park, he will be taught legislative process and receive various assignments to develop his language skills. He will also be tutored in mathematics, and on Fridays participate in special educational activities or field trips.

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Demizio up to the task

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One of his responsibilities will be to memorize each face, name and location of the 107 MPs before arriving on his first day. Though nervous, he is confident that he's up to the task.

He will be required to wear a traditional uniform, which is comprised of a pair of black

pants, a black jacket and vest, a black tie or jabot, a white plain dress shirt, a black belt, black dress shoes and socks.

Demizio, who is well respected and liked by his classmates and staff, said he is keeping politics an option for a potential future career.

"Mathematics is my favourite subject, but politics in the future is a real possibility for me," he said.

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BRAYDEN MCCULLAGH Special to Fort Erie Times

Stevensville Public School educational assistant Carrie MacNeil, teacher Mallory Milton, along with students Morgan White, Chloe Briggs, Andrew Hennessy, Jason Melville, Mya Tryrrel, Owen Lee, Spencer Gzichak and Hana Winfield.

Do You Remember?



Last week's photo of the flooded streets shows the back of the Beck home at the corner of Wallace and North Mill, Ridgeway.

Our thanks to Rickhard and Glenda Beck for sharing their memories of much rain turning the street into a lake around 1975.

In the left background of the photo stands Richard Beck (white shirt) and Murray Sider (dark jacket). We would still welcome calls about the name of the man in the centre of the photo.

Our thanks as well to Alan Doxtator for identifying all of the boys colouring Easter eggs from the previous week's photo.

They are, left to right, Gabe Johns, Kevin Klauka, Jason Doxtator and Chris Cotton.

Yes, that is former Mayor Madeline Faiazza on the golf course, but who are the two gentlemen with her and which golf course is this?

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Students 'choosing kind'

Brayden McCullagh
Special to Fort Erie Times

Stevensville Public School has launched a food drive with a message; "Choose Kind."

When Mallory Milton, a grade three and four teacher from Stevensville Public School, had her class read "Wonder," by R.J. Palacio, she had no idea what an impact it would soon have on her

class and community.

The book is about a little boy named Augie, with a facial deformity.

The story takes you through his adventures in grade five, how he struggles with bullies and meeting kind, friendly children as well.

Milton says she discovered the book in the summer while preparing her September curriculum, and liked its message of "choosing kind."

"I thought the message was so important. It's an amazing book, so with the help of two amazing staffs, between Rose Seaton, and Stevensville, I've had the opportunity to really start spreading the word of choose kind, and we'd like to spread it beyond the walls of our school."

opinion page

Ridgeway-by-the-Lake residents have questions for councillor

This is an open letter to Ward 5 Coun. Don Lubberts

Since the June 11, 2012 Council meeting, Rob Mills has worked diligently with us to satisfy our concerns, the Town's concerns and those of Maples Leaf residents.

We have formed an association, the Driftwood Conservation Corporation (DCC), established by-law, prepared and agreed on restrictive covenants, agreed on a landscape plan. This will ensure that the lands behind our properties are kept in the condition that was agreed upon when we purchased our properties.

The developer has agreed to absorb all the costs incurred.

As a consequence of

your vote at the Apr. 2, Town of Fort Erie council meeting you have denied the application made by Rob Mills, the developer, despite all the concerns raised by the 16 residents of Sunrise Court and 20 residents of Maples Leaf Avenue being satisfied. The approval of the application would have given the 16 Sunrise residents, as members of Driftwood Conservation Corporation, the opportunity to assume ownership of lands, termed conservation lands adjacent to their properties, from Ridgeway Estates for one dollar.

We the undersigned, want members of council to explain the following:

Why at a meeting on September 12, 2012 with the three Sunrise Court residents co-ordinating this transfer of owner-

ship, you clearly stated you would support the application if the concerns of the residents had been satisfied and you now voted against it?

You spoke about meeting Ridgeway residents over the weekend. Why did you not speak to any Sunrise residents or residents of Maples Leaf? Whose interests are you representing?

Why would you not support Ridgeway Estate's proposal to develop phase three?

To date the developer, Ridgeway Estates, has successfully invested in and built more than 80 phase one of the first two phases with the resultant infusion of new tax payers to the Town of Fort Erie.

Why would you orchestrate a motion to stop the further progress and

development of Phase three?

Do you Mr. Lubberts have any sense of the efforts of other cities and towns east and west of Toronto that are aggressively positioning to attract retiring Baby Boomers while you and some members of this council are apparently aggressively trying to stymie developers, like Ridgeway Estates, to cater to this need.

Please explain your logic in this regard.

Your Town planning department was recommending approval of this revised plan, being confident that the residents directly involved were satisfied with the revisions made.

Roger Coe, president of DCC, attended the council meeting and was there to support the approval

of the plan and Judith Peters from 129 Maple Leaf was also in attendance. Unfortunately, there was no opportunity for either person to speak at the meeting.

The head planner noted that if the proposed red line changes are turned down by council that the developer will appeal to the OMB.

I believe the Town will have to bring outside planners to represent as its own planners have endorsed the proposed changes.

He further noted that the Town would likely lose. Why would council endorse an action that will only waste time and taxpayers money?

In summary, Mr. Lubberts, your vote Tuesday evening compromised the time, money and efforts of the

Developer, sixteen 16 Sunrise Court residents and 20 Maple Leaf residents. You had stated you would support the Plan if our concerns were met. We request a meeting with you at your earliest convenience to give you an opportunity to explain the basis of your vote.

I understand that you, as our Councillor, have the ability to bring this application back to Council for another vote. We expect you to do this to show your support for the residents who are directly impacted by your vote.

Roger Coe,
President of Driftwood
Conservation
Corporation
On behalf of the
Residents of Sunrise Ct.

Raising awareness



Mayor Doug Martin and Dave Heyworth from the Town of Fort Erie, raising a flag at Town Hall, to raise awareness for Autism Ontario.

Food drive will help spread message

From Page 6

Milton says she's hoping to really spread the message of by holding a food drive at Stevensville Public School.

Students at the school will be bringing in canned goods, that will be marked with a "choose kind" sticker and donated to Community Outreach Program Erie.

Students of Stevensville Public School say they are trying their best to spread the message on their own

too.

Mya Tyrrell, a student of Stevensville Public School, says she's been choosing kind by asking if people need any help, and even asked if she could shovel someone's driveway.

"This book has meant a lot to me because it told me how to choose kind in tons of ways, and how you're not supposed to bully other kids, and how I can stand up for other kids."

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Artist's work on display at Sanctuary

Melissa Mangelsen
Fort Erie Times

For some aspiring artists their visions include fame, money and creating that timeless piece. For Fort Erie artist Vincent Verboncoeur, his goal is to be recognized and to make art his full-time job.

"My goal is to be able to do art, which is the love of my life, for as long as I can."

Until May 5, the public will have the opportunity to check out Verboncoeur's work at The Sanctuary Centre for the Arts in Ridgeway. He has been a member of the Fort Erie Arts Council for 12 years, being one of the original members, but this is the first time he will be showcasing his work at the Sanctuary.

"Doing a show at the Sanctuary is a really great opportunity to be recognized and for artists to get exposure. The more people that have the chance to see the art, the better," he said.

Verboncoeur is pretty well known in the Greater Fort Erie area, he has donated his art to various charities and has participated in the Red Ribbon shows, festivals and outdoor shows. He has also participated in fundraisers for the local Legion as well as Big Brothers and Sisters.

He feels that as an artist, it's really important to give back to people, which is why he enjoys doing portraits so much.

"I have done various portraits of lost loved ones or pets. When people see that it has brought them to tears, it's giving them something more than photography can," said Verboncoeur.

Art has been a part of his life for as long as he can remember. He was born in Niagara Falls and spent most of his youth in Cochrane, ON, before coming to Fort Erie in 1999.

"I've been drawing since the time I could walk. By four

or five years old my mom noticed that I had an eye for detail. He was a commercial artist and saw that there was something different about me," he said.

He is inspired by everyday life and said that sometimes he'll be walking down the street and something strikes him.

"I could stop right then and there and draw it," he said.

Verboncoeur believes that arts are important to any community.

"It's important for today's generation of kids to come to the shows and see what you can accomplish with hard work and dedication. There's a lot more out there than digital gadgets," he said. He also has a passion for inspiring young artists.



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'You have to do art for the love of it,' says Verboncouer

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"I want them to see my work and feel encouraged

and inspired and to not give up on what you believe in.

You have the opportunity to be what you want to be."

"No one should go into arts for a living with the expectation of being recognized and making it your full time career. You have to do art for the love of it and not for something you might not be," he said.

Verboncouer, who works as a machine operator full time, hopes that one day he'll be able to retire and focus on his art.

"It's like I have two full-time jobs, my art revolves around my work schedule though," he said.

"I love creating art, it's not about the money for me. It's not about just striving for perfection,

everyone can do something great, but not everyone is able to do something unique," he said.

Verboncouer uses mostly pencil as his medium, but works with mixed mediums as well.

He takes pride in the fact that he does all his art from scratch, without any digital assistance.

"I don't use any projection machines or tracing papers. All my work is done through mathematical precision and years of practicing. I fall into the category of a realist."

He described himself as a blue collar worker and that it's very important for him to eliminate any digital assistance from his work.

"It's a sense of pride to be able to do something from scratch. Some people do create really great works of art using those tools, but to each their own."

"The new generation is very digital. I feel like I should have been born in the 1900s along with people like Picasso and Da Vinci. I would have really loved to be an artist then. It was before photography so people needed artists."

He has 25 pieces on display at The Sanctuary. His exhibit is called The Black and White Collection.

He will hold an open house on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. His artwork can be viewed from Tuesday to Saturday, 11 to 4 p.m., though it's recommended to call ahead to make sure that someone will be there as it's all run on a volunteer basis.

The Sanctuary can be reached at 905-894-8373. "Art is a reflection of yourself. It's a way to connect to people. Everyone is subject to art and no one is bigger than it," he said.

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Museum offering War of 1812 database for researchers

Brayden McCullagh
Special to Fort Erie Times

Studying history with modern technology just became a lot easier.

The Fort Erie Historical Museum has unveiled its new online archive for the War of 1812.

The new addition at the museum, located at 298 Ridge Rd., was created with the help of two volunteers, and took two years to create.

The entire collection of books, manuscripts, diaries, and historical newspapers at the museum was read, summarized and digitally trans-

cribed by Charlie Capern and Joe Lischka.

"In the museum we have an archive, and the archive has hundreds of thousands of pieces of information. What we did for the 1812 bicentennial celebration was try to solve a problem about accessing this information," said Jane Davies, administrator of the Fort Erie Historical Museum.

"The goal of the museum is to get information out to the public. With computers this is much easier."

Davies says before all the information was catalogued, visitors of the museum would have to search

through and analyze the hundreds of thousands of pieces of physical information to find what they were looking for.

With the new system, guests can now sit down and find what they're looking for by simply typing in a few key words into a computer.

Davies says the launch of the website has already received more than 300 hits.

"It's on the web, you can access it 24-7 from home"

Not only is the new system much more efficient, but it's easy to use as well.

Capern, one of the two volunteers who helped bring the database to life, said one

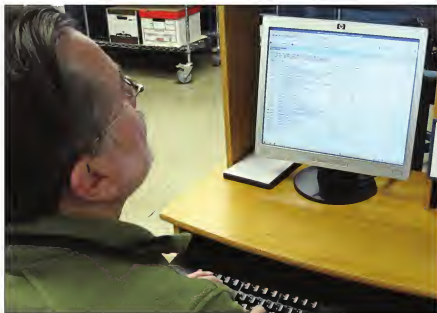
of the first users was a young child, who had no problems finding information and getting acquainted with the system.

"My grandson was here

the day we launched it. He's 12, and he just typed in what he wanted, and we could easily direct him to what he needed."

For more information or

to try out the new archive search yourself you can visit the Fort Erie Historical Museum website at www.forterie.on.ca.



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Volunteer Joe Lischka demonstrating the Fort Erie Historical Museum's new online archive that allows people to easily search for information involving the War of 1812.

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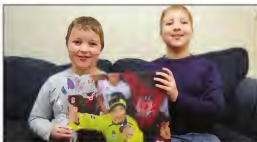
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after he was a medal bearer in
the Rick Hansen Relay for Life
when it passed through town
in 2011.



On the road to recovery

Kris Dubé
Editor

The Caruana family is in
a much better place than
they were a few years ago.

In 2009, they found out
their son Brandon was liv-
ing with a brain tumour
and over a year of treat-
ments followed.

But the 11-year-old
Grade 6 student at Our

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enjoying a new lease on
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Family thankful for plenty of support from community during difficult time

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When he and his parents Lisa and Joe first started dealing with his illness, the young man and avid golfer was extremely courageous and still carried on like any other boy his age would.

"He doesn't worry at all," said Lisa Caruana.

He still has to go to McMaster Children's Hospital every six months, instead of every three months...which was the case when his condition was worse.

The family is extremely

grateful of so many people, especially in the local community.

Former National Hockey League goalie and community figure Ed Chadwick designated Brandon as the benefactor of the final run of his annual golf tournament.

Lana Hill, a mother from

Stevensville who founded Team Kelsey as a tribute to her own daughter who passed away from cancer, was also very supportive.

Alivia's Rainbows, a charity started by local couple Chantal and Craig Vanderklei after their daughter passed, was also a great

help for the Caruanas when making frequent trips to McMaster.

"It's been so overwhelming... all the support we've seen," said Brandon's father Joe.

For now, Brandon is going to enjoy life as much as he can playing golf as a lifetime

member at Port Erie Golf Club, swimming at the YMCA and spending time with his family.

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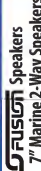
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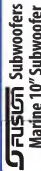
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At 2 p.m. Friday, police executed a search warrant

under the controlled drugs and substances act and uncovered \$8,000 worth of marijuana, \$1,000 in growing equipment, two rifles and ammunition.

Luigi Pivetta, 46, of Fort Erie, faces numerous charges.

He was released on an undertaking to appear in court at a later date.

Cleaning up the beach



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Last Saturday, 47 volunteers spread out in Crystal Beach for a spring clean-up. People from Fort Erie, Stevensville, a local church, and even one individual from Texas came out to join the cause. In total, about 90 bags were collected and organizers hope the next clean-up, scheduled for Apr. 20, will draw an even bigger crowd. Anyone who wants to volunteer is asked to meet at the South Coast Cookhouse at 10 a.m. A spread of pizza and wings will be the reward at the end of the clean-up.

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Brick to smoker at entrance

This is a brick to the man who I regularly see standing at the entrance of a local grocery store, chain-smoking cigarettes for what appears to be hours at a time. If you want to cause bodily harm for yourself, that's your own business. But you should have the common decency to walk a few feet around the corner so you can enjoy your cigarette without blowing it in everyone's faces, including seniors and children.

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Bouquet to local arts scene

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Bouquet to students who help the community

I'd like to send a bouquet to all the young men and women who through their school, have raised money and goods for various causes like the Fort Erie SPCA, Community Outreach Program Erie, the Salvation Army and much more.

Send your bricks & bouquets to: editorial@forterietimes.com or phone: 905-871-3100 ext. 210

Brick to people who fall asleep in drive-thru

This is an exaggeration and I didn't actually witness someone fall asleep at a local drive-thru, but it sure seemed like it. After you have placed your order, please stay alert. I know most people need their first coffee to get the cobwebs out but you are still awake enough to operate a motor vehicle, right? Pay attention and keep the line moving, please.

Students donate a real 'treat' to SPCA



KRIS DURÉ Fort Erie Times

On Monday, students from Garrison Road Public School dropped off more than \$300 in donations to the Fort Erie SPCA, raised by the entire school. Joining lab-shepherd mix Molly and assistant manager Robyn Voyce, are educational assistant Bonnie Carver, teacher Judi Gates, and students Cassandra Langlois, Lauren Fitzpatrick, Clark Ashley, Carson Weaver, Tanner Smith, Darrell Handl and Ryan George.

Company's founder surprised by decision

From Page 3

Jude Joinville is the founder of the company that was hoping to bring the event to Crystal

Beach.

He is frustrated by a number of things... the first being the fact that he was not invited to answer any questions at the council meeting.

He also feels that the proposal was in far too early of a stage to shut it down so quickly.

Joinville and his team were willing to co-operate and work with the Town of Fort Erie to satisfy the concerns and requests asked of them.

"The idea was just on the table," he said.

"We just wanted to sit down and see what was possible, what was allowed," he added.

The price of admission, originally listed as \$25 per person is also something he said could be changed.

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Hoop star



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Ten-year-old Megan Louws shows off the silver medal she won in the provincial finals with the Welland Warriors club basketball travel team recently. Her squad lost in the finals against a team from the Ancaster-Hamilton area. Louws is a student at St. Joseph's Elementary School in Stevensville. She is the only player from Greater Fort Erie on the team.



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The Bert Miller Nature Club hopes to stress the impor-

tance of wetlands in acting as "kidneys" for the environment by soaking up excess water when water levels are high, and releasing it when water levels are low.

Representatives from the Niagara Peninsula Conservation

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BAER NELSON, Flora Jane - Flora Jane passed away at the Douglas Memorial Hospital in Fort Erie on Friday April 5th, 2013 at the age of 87. Predeceased by her first husband John Baer (1974) and her second husband John (Jack) Nelson (1986). Proud mother of Emerson "Butch" (Eileen) Baer, Jane Goggan and Dorrie (Dale) Baer. She will be sadly missed by her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Flora owned and operated Maple Bree Nursing home on Ridge Rd. for many years and has been an active member of the Salvation Army. **WILLIAMS FUNERAL SERVICES**, 722 Ridge Rd., Ridgeway, is entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock until the time of service in the chapel at 1 p.m. Interment will follow in Ridgeway Memorial Cemetery.

ROBERTS, Ingrid "Banga" - Passed away peacefully at Gilmore Lodge on Saturday April 6, 2013 at the age of 88th wife of the late George MacInnis Roberts. Cherished Mother of Stanley (Mary) Roberts of Kincardine and Stephen (Rosemary) Roberts of Fort Erie. Predeceased by daughters Susan (Bill) Etherington (2007) and Sandra Everett (2008). Sadly missed by son-in-law Richard Everett. Loving grandmother of Corinne, Michael, Julie and Evan Roberts, Amanda, Kristina, Stephen, Andrew, Andrew, Phillip, and William. Great grandmother of Meghan, Ryleigh, Meghan, Taylor, Jack, Haden, Emily, McKenzie, Paisley and Logan. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES** 1105 Benner Ave. Fort Erie, is entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Tuesday April 9th, from 6-9. Funeral Services will be held in the Benner Funeral Chapel on Wednesday April 10th at 11 o'clock. Cremation to follow. If so desired, donations to the Lupus Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

TRIDER, Eliza A. - Passed away peacefully at Welland Hospital on Saturday April 6, 2013. Eliza A. Trider (nee Moore), beloved wife of 52 years to the late Howard "Trider" (2008). Loving mother of John "Jack", Jim (Annette) and Jeff. Fondly remembered by her grandson Christopher and her nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her brother Lawrence and sister-in-law Evelyn. She was a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church her entire life. **WILLIAMS FUNERAL SERVICES**, 722 Ridge Road N., Ridgeway entrusted with arrangements. Friends called at the funeral home on Tuesday April 9 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral service will be held in the chapel on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. Interment at Ridgeway Memorial Cemetery. Those who wish may make a memorial contribution to St. Luke's Lutheran Church or The Canadian Cancer Society.



OPATOVSKY, Mrs. Barbara Lillian - Of Ridgeway. Peacefully surrounded by her family at her residence in Ridgeway on Friday April 5, 2013 in her 85th year. Barbara Opatovsky (nee Winn), beloved wife of the late Albert Opatovsky, the late Eugene Ramsey and the late Roy Denman. Cherished mother of Fran Reitz, Albert Opatovsky (Margaret), the late George Opatovsky (Margaret), John Opatovsky (Maureen), James Opatovsky (Tom), John Opatovsky (Euryoung), David Opatovsky (Barbara) and predeceased by infant daughter Hedy Opatovsky. Loving grandmother of 18 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren. Dearest sister of Audrey Pooler Ruskin and predeceased by her parents William and Minnie Winn and sisters Myrtle James, Elsie Spear and Doris Kinsella. Fondly remembered by her many nieces, nephews and many other relatives and friends. The family received visitors at the Crystal Beach Community Church, 241 Elmwood Avenue in Crystal Beach on Monday April 8, 2013 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. A service to celebrate the life of the late Mrs. Barbara Opatovsky was conducted in the church on Monday April 8, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. Interment was held at the Ridgeway Memorial Cemetery. If desired, memorial donations to the charity of your choice would be sincerely appreciated by the family. On-line condolences may be made at www.opatovskyfuneralhome.com

PRIEBE, Betty - Passed away peacefully at Gilmore Lodge on Saturday April 6, 2013 in her 86th year. Loving mother of Jim (Denise) Priebe, Gary (Berna) Priebe and Susan Gawley (Dave). Sadly will be missed by her grandchildren Jennifer, Christine, Jeff, Timothy, Joshua, Amy and Sarah and by her great-grandchildren. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1055 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family received friends on Tuesday from 6-9 p.m. Funeral Services were celebrated in the Benner Funeral Chapel on Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m. Interment to follow in McAffee Cemetery. Those who wish may make a memorial contribution to 337 Squadron Royal Canadian Air Cadets.



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